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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

I. INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2005, objecting to claims 1 and 7 and allowing claims 1 and 3-7 of this application.

Reconsideration of this application is earnestly solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

II. AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A light fixture comprising:

A. an integral rectangular base assembly including:

a base having a top end;

a plurality of vertical framing members extending from the four corners of said top end of said base and defining four open windows, said vertical framing members having a top end;

a resting seat at said top end of said base; and

a horizontal connector member connecting said top end of said vertical framing members;

B. a light transmitting tube slidably carried over said vertical framing members and said horizontal connector member;

C. one or more open louver members having central openings therein;

D. said open louver members slidably carried over said light transmitting tube and supported by said resting seat;

E. a closed louver member slidably carried over said light transmitting tube, said closed louver member substantially covering said light transmitting tube and said base assembly;

F. corner posts extending downwards from each of said louver members;

G. a fastening arrangement for securing said light transmitting tube and said louver members to said base assembly; and

H. a first water dam at the intersection of said vertical framing member and said resting seat, said first water dam creating a weatherproof seal between said light transmitting tube and said base assembly when said light transmitting tube is secured thereto;

whereby said ~~open and said~~ closed louver member and said open louver members form a vertically stacked layer of louver members surrounding said light transmitting tube with said corner posts maintaining open areas within said vertically stacked layer of louver members thereby allowing transmission of light from said light fixture through said windows, said light transmitting tube, and said open areas in said vertically stacked layer of louver members.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said closed louver member includes a lower surface and a peripheral lip.

4. (original) The light fixture of claim 3 including a second water dam at the intersection of said lower surface and said peripheral lip of said closed louver member, said second water dam creating a weatherproof seal between said top end of said light transmitting tube and said closed louver member.

5. (original) The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said light transmitting tube is of rectangular shape.

6. (original) The light fixture of claim 3 wherein said light transmitting tube is molded of polycarbonate.

7. (currently amended) A light fixture comprising:

A. an integral rectangular base assembly including:

a base having a top end;

a plurality of vertical framing members extending from the four corners of said top end of said base and defining four open windows, said vertical framing members having a top end; and

a horizontal connector member connecting said top end of said vertical framing members;

B. a light transmitting tube surrounding said vertical framing members and said horizontal connector member;

C. one or more open louver members having central openings therein;

D. said open louver members surrounding said light transmitting tube;

E. a closed louver member on top of said open louver members and surrounding said light transmitting tube; and

G. a fastening arrangement securing said light transmitting tube and said closed louver member to said base assembly in such a manner that said louver

members are disposed in a fixed, unmovable relationship with respect to said light fixture.

III. REMARKS

Applicant is appreciative of the Examiner's indication of allowable matter.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include only one closed louver member in the recitation of forming a stacked layer of louver members.

Applicant has furthermore positively claimed the horizontal connector member in claim 7 to create the proper antecedent basis for that element.


It is believed that, with the amendments to the claims, claims 1 and 3-7 are now in condition for allowance.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the amendment of claims as presented herein, Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner require any further information by Applicant or Applicant's undersigned representative is desirable and necessary regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,


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